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SUBJECT: SFM 5-17 PD ENDING 1600 18 FEB 76

A. FACILITIES

ERECTION OF BARRACKS NO. 5 IS COMPLETE. PARTITIONING OF BARRACKS NO. 3 TO PROVIDE SEPERATE QUARTERS FOR FEMALE STAFF, FOOD SERVICE STAFF, BARBER SHOP, PX ETC., IS ABOUT 70 PERCENT COMPLETE. ERECTION OF THE BASIC STRUCTURE FOR THE VEHICLE MAINTENANCE SHOP IS COMPLETE. THE CONTRACTOR

HAS A D-9 ON SITE WITH RIPPER AND DOZER; EXCAVATION FOR THE SEPTIC TANK CONTINUES. COMPLETION OF THE SEPTIC TANK WILL TAKE LONGER THAN ANTICIPATED DUE TO CONDITIOUS ROCK ENCOUNTERED BUT WILL NOT INTERFERE WITH FUNCTIONAL OPERATION BY FEB 22. INSTALLATION OF PLUMBING AND ELECTRICAL CONVENIENCES AND INSULATION CONTINUES. INSTALLATION OF A 20 FT COMMUNICATIONS TOWER AND ANTENNA AT E-1 IS COMPLETE. ERECTION OF THE BUILDING AND INSTALLATION OF A SIMILAR TOWER AT J-1 IS EXPECTED TO BE COMPLETE BY COB FEB 18. CALLAWAY'S ESTIMATE OF PERCENT COMPLETION OF ALL TEMPORARY FACILITIES, WITH CONSIDERATION FOR FINAL COMPLETION OF EARTHWORK, ERECTION OF KELLY KLOSURES, ELECTRICAL, MECHANICAL, PARTITIONS, INSULATION, DOORS, WINDOW, AIR CONDITIONING, AND INTERIOR FINISH

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IS ABOUT 50 PERCENT.

B. COMMUNICATIONS

ALL WATCH STATIONS COMMUNICATION EQUIPMENT INSTALLED AND OPERATIONAL. BASE STATION VHF RADIOS INSTALLED, HOWEVER, DUE TO PROBLEMS WITH ERECTING 150 FOOT TOWER ANTENNA INSTALLATION AT BASE IS ONLY ABOUT 50 PERCENT COMPLETE. CONTRACTOR ENGAGED LOCAL CREW TO ERECT TOWER BUT ENCOUNTERED NEGOTIATION PROBLEMS AND TERMINATED RELATIONS. TO OVERCOME PROBLEM, TESTS WERE CONDUCTED USING A 70 FOOT TOWER AT BASE CAMP TO COMMUNICATE WITH MOST DIFFICULT STATIONS (MITLA EAST AND ISMAILIA). THESE TEST INDICATED THAT BASE ANTENNAS COULD BE MOUNTED ON A 60 AND 70 FOOT TOWER WITH LITTLE DEGRADATION OF SYSTEM PERFORMANCE, THEREFORE ONE EACH OF THESE TOWERS HAVE BEEN ERECTED AT BASE CAMP FOR TEMPORARY OPERATIONS. ADDITIONALLY, STATION GROUNDING SYSTEM IS BEING CONSTRUCTED TO GROUND BOTH GOVERNMENT AND "E"SYSTEMS COMM CENTERS.

C. WATCH STATIONS

EVERY WATCH STATION IS MANNED ON A 24 HOUR BASIS AND SENSOR FIELD DETECTIONS SENT TO THE OPERATIONS CENTER AT BASE CAMP. THIS ALLOWS THE OPERATORS TO GAIN OJT AND EXPERIENCE MANNING AND OPERATING THE STATIONS. INTERIM PROCEDURES AND MESSAGE FORMATS HAVE BEEN AGREED TO AND WILL BE SENT YOU ASAP. DRAFT STATION SOPS ARE TO BE GIVEN TO SFM 19 FEB FOR REVIEW AND APPROVAL. REQUEST FOUR GFE (GSA) BATTERY DRIVEN CLOCKS FOR THE WATCH STATIONS, READABLE TO THE NEAREST MINUTE, PLUS TWO SPARE BATTERIES ASAP, INFORMAL DISCUSSION WITH CONTRACTOR INDICATES THAT IT WOULD TAKE 2 OR MORE MONTHS TO PROVIDE THEM. SUGGEST CONTRACTOR OR SSM PERSONNEL HAND CARRY ON REGULAR TRIP ASAP.

D. SURVEILLANCE SYSTEM

LAST STRING ENPLACED AND CHECKED 17 FEB. ENTIRE SENSOR SYSTEM HAS BEEN CHECKED AGAINST NUMEROUS TARGETS OF OPPORTUNITY. FURTHERMORE, THE SENSOR SYSTEM AND REPORTING PROCEDURES WILL BE CHECKED WITH SFM TEST VEHICLE TRAVELING THROUGH EVERY SENSOR STRING AM 19 FEB. DRAWINGS OF SENSOR FIELD, WITH SENSOR ID, TYPE, ETC NOTED, ARE BEING PROVIDED SFM; COPIES WILL BE MAILED TO SSM ASAP. APPROXIMATE STRING LOCATIONS ARE GIDDI EAST: 8215 8367; GIDDI WEST: UNCLASSIFIED

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8014 8325; MITLA EAST: 8199 8185; MITLA WEST: 7972 8127. IT IS PLANNED THAT THE PERFORMANCE OF EACH STRING WILL BE CHECKED EVERY DAY WITH AN SFM VEHICLE. FURTHERMORE, PLANS FOR A WEEKLY SYSTEM CHECK IS BEING PREPARED. A SYSTEM DEMONSTRATION IS BEING PREPARED FOR THE DIRECTOR FOR THE MORNING OF 22 FEB.

E. FISCAL MATTERS

THE FOLLOWING TOTAL COST FIGURES WERE PROVIDED BY ESY ON-SITE
FOR COST INCURRED AND PROJECTED THROUGH FEB 29:

A. LEASED TRANSPORT	\$139,135.00
B. POL	60,453.14
C. TRAVEL EXPENSE	9,831.72
D. LEASED VEHICLES	320.00
E. FOOD & KITCHEN	80,400.00
F. MISCELLANEOUS	420.00

TOTAL \$293,439.86

HAVE REQUESTED FURTHER BREAKDOWN AND WILL FORWARD WHEN MADE
AVAILABLE.

F. PERSONNEL

USG 16
ESY 59
ZACHRY 80
TOTAL -- 155

G. MISCELLANEOUS: REF SECSTATE UNCLAS 038030 PARAS 1, 2 AND 3.
PARA 4, SEE FISCAL ABOVE. PARA 6, THORNE WILL RESPOND.

1. ADEQUATE MEDICAL SUPPLIES HAVE BEEN PROCURED OFF THE LOCAL MARKET
TO STOCK CAMP DISPENSARY FACILITY. RE-STOCKING WILL BE THROUGH
LOCAL MARKET AND THE U.S.

2. THE INTENTION OF MOBIL EGYPT IS TO PROVIDE STORAGE TANKS AT
THE SFM BASE CAMP. ROAD SURVEY AND BASE CAMP SURVEY WILL TAKE
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PLACE AFTER FEB 22. POL CONTRACT WITH MOBIL EGYPT ANTICIPATED TO
BECOME EFFECTIVE MARCH 1.

3. TO MEET FEB 22 OPERATIONAL DATE, ESY WILL PROVIDE A 16 X 24,
INSULATED, KELLY KLOSURE BUILDING. ADVISE IF THIS BUILDING
SHOULD BE FINISHED TO MAKE IT A PERMANENT BUILDING OR WILL
AN ADDITIONAL CMI MODULE BE CONSIDERED.

4. KIMMEL'S TRAVEL ORDER TO EXPIRE ON OR ABOUT FEB 22. PLANS TO
ARRIVE WASHINGTON O/A FEB 27 UNLESS ADVISED OTHERWISE.

5. DOD EMPLOYEES DONALD W. KEEHAN, HAROLD H. HENEGAR, DONALD E.
GROGAN AND ROBERT A. FITE FROM COUNTER INTRUSION SYSTEMS AT
MERDC (SENSOR IMPLANT SPECIALISTS) DEPARTED TODAY FOLLOWING
COMPLETION OF SENSOR INSTALLATION. EACH MAN DISPLAYED A

THOROUGH KNOWLEDGE OF SENSOR APPLICATION AND GREAT PROFESSIONALISM
WHILE INSTALLING THE FOUR SENSOR FIELDS. THEIR EFFORTS,
COMPLICATED BY DIFFICULT CONDITIONS, GREATLY ENHANCED THE
RAPID INSTALLATION OF THE EARLY WARNING SYSTEM. PLEASE EXPRESS
MY SINCEREST APPRECIATION AND ADMIRATION FOR A JOB "WELL DONE".
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